

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY, IES UTILITIES INC., and MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. ARC-00-150 ARC-00-151 ARC-00-156
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**ORDER GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued February 10, 2000)

Iowa Code § 476.6(16) was recently amended to require a periodic, rather than an annual, review of rate-regulated utilities' fuel procurement practices. The Utilities Board (Board) rule at 199 IAC 20.13, however, continues to provide for an annual review. The Board intends to promulgate a rule making proposing amendments to ARC rules. The proposed rules will provide that the Board will notify the utilities by January 31 if an electric fuel procurement plan is required for that year. The rules will also provide that in years where a plan is not required, the Board may require certain information to be filed.

Because the Board will be proposing new ARC rules for comment, the Board, on its own motion, will waive the filing of fuel procurement plans for the year 2000. IES Utilities Inc., Interstate Power Company, and MidAmerican Energy Company will not be required to file plans and the Board will not conduct contested case proceedings. The Board notes, however, that its final report closing the 1999 ARC dockets will require IES Utilities Inc., Interstate Power Company, and MidAmerican

Energy Company to file certain identified information relating to coal inventory and transportation.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The filing of annual fuel procurement plans for the year 2000 in Docket Nos. ARC-00-150, ARC-00-151, and ARC-00-156, pursuant to 199 IAC 20.13, is waived.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.